

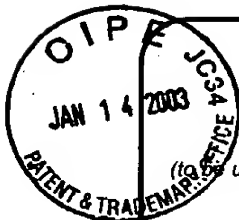
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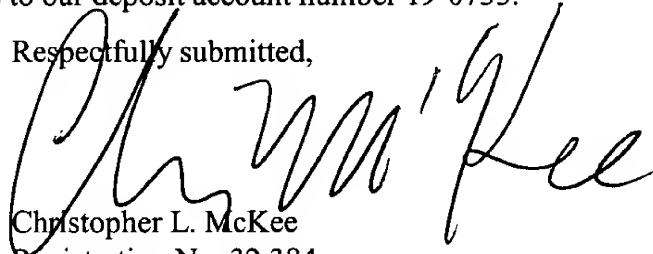
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), applicant notes that this non-English language reference was cited in a European Search Report dated November 4, 2002 (copy attached) issued in European patent application No. 00309882.9 corresponding to the above-referenced application. The other references listed in the European Search Report were previously cited herein.

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